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§9–3502.

(a) There is a Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services;

(4) the Secretary of Human Services; and

(5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of an institute for public policy that specializes in juvenile justice issues in the State;

(ii) one representative of an institute operated by the University of Maryland specializing in providing evidence-based and culturally competent services for juveniles; and

(iii) three representatives with relevant education and experience.

(c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

(d) The Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Services shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission;
but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) research culturally competent, evidence-based, research-based, and promising practices relating to:

(i) child welfare;

(ii) juvenile rehabilitation;

(iii) mental health services for children; and

(iv) prevention and intervention services for juveniles;

(2) evaluate the cost-effectiveness of practices researched by the Commission;

(3) identify means of evaluating the effectiveness of practices researched by the Commission; and

(4) giving special attention to organizations located in or serving historically underserved communities, identify strategies to enable community-based organizations that provide services for juveniles to evaluate and validate services and programming provided by those organizations.

(g) On or before December 31, 2023, and on or before December 31 each year thereafter, the Commission shall report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of this article, the General Assembly.

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